No proposal for development of Integrated Textile Park at Madurai and Shivakasi has been received.

Malls and high rise buildings on textile mills-Land

3479. SHRI RAJ KUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hon. Supreme Court has allowed 600 acre of textile mills land in Mumbai for planned development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the malls and high rise buildings likely to come on this land; and

(d) how is Mumbai infrastructure likely to benefit from this planned development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) The Hon'ble Supreme Court has given a judgment upholding the amendment made by the Government of Maharashtra in 2001 in the Development Control & Regulations 58 (DCR 58). The Supreme Court also observed that sale of 5 mills by the National Textile Corporation (NTC) was not contrary to the scheme approved by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). NTC has 103.34 acres of mills' land in Mumbai for sale. Out of this, 48.29 acres have already been sold by NTC.

(c) and (d) The projects that are expected to come up on these lands will be developed by the buyers and they are free to carry out any development including malls and high rise buildings as per the regulations framed by the local municipal authorities.

Fall in Cotton Prices

3480. SHRI N.R. GOVINDA RAJAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of cotton has fallen sharply in comparison to the international market and farmers are not getting remunerative price;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. has proposed to set up cotton procurement centres in various parts of the country;

(d) if so, the areas identified and the objectives thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to assist the cotton growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) During the current cotton season 2005-06 (Oct.-Sept.) there has been generally parity in domestic and international prices. As such there is no sharp fall in domestic prices in comparisons to international market.

(c) and (d) In order to help the cotton farmers to sell their cotton produce without any difficulty and at remunerative price under MSP operations, Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI) has set up as many as 262 procurement centres in 10 cotton growing States during cotton season 2005-06. State-wise number of procurement centres opened during cotton season 2005-06 is as under:—

State	No. of Districts	No. of centres
Gujarat	17	57
Madhya Pradesh	8	17
Maharashtra	13	35
Orissa	3	7
Andhra Pradesh	13	66
Karnataka	10	17
Tamil Nadu	6	8
Punjab	6	16
Haryana	4	13
Rajasthan	8	26
TOTAL:	88	262

(e) As a result of various Governmental measures under the aegis of Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) and also release of Bt seeds by the Genetic Engineering Approval Committee for commercial cultivation, the

per hectare yield in the country has been increasing significantly since last two-three years to the advantage of cotton farmers in increasing their overall income. Simultaneously, the nominated agencies like CCI has been rendering all necessary marketing support to the farmers in selling their produce at minimum support prices announced by the Government of India.

Training by NIFT to local artisans under SGSY

3481. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institute of Fashion Technology is imparting training to local artisans under the Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana;

(b) if so, whether Government have established a large number of micro enterprises in the rural areas for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof specially in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise;

(d) the amount allocated and utilized during the last one year;

(e) whether the training has been designed to provide proper support and encouragement to tap the inherent telents and capabilities of the rural poor; and

(f) if so, the success achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. NIFT is imparting training to local artisans of the Clusters under the Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) Project of Ministry of Rural Development.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Project would also catalyse creation of self help groups and micro enterprises in the identified cluster areas.

(c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent a proposal to the Ministry of Rural Development.

(d) Does not arise.